



A Course of Study for
PUBLIC POLICY

The Public Policy program consists of an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary course of study that presents an overview of the development and implementation of important public policies affecting the lives of local, regional, and state residents. This program is designed to equip students with the skills and tools to successfully engage in civic debate and to critically evaluate and analyze the development and implementation of substantive public policies, while providing an opportunity to work with governmental and non-governmental organizations and agencies in a direct way.

For additional career possibilities, visit the Career Services Center on the main campus to utilize computerized career information systems and other valuable career resources.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Transfer Preparation
- Career Opportunities

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE

Associate Degree

- Public Policy

Certificate of Achievement

- Public Policy

RELATED PROGRAM

- Political Science

ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

An Associate degree is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) and a minimum of **60 degree applicable semester units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College. Department Chairs have the discretion to waive the 50% minimum units required at SMC to meet the major or area of emphasis. All major coursework must be completed with a "C" or better grade;
- Completion of one of the following general education patterns: SMC GE, CSU GE, or IGETC;
- Completion of the SMC Global Citizenship graduation requirement.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

A Certificate of Achievement is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) and a **designated minimum number of units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College. Department Chairs have the discretion to waive the 50% minimum units required at SMC to meet the major or area of emphasis. All major coursework must be completed with a "C" or better grade.

CATALOG RIGHTS

A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student's *continuous* enrollment. Continuous enrollment means attendance in at least one semester (Fall or Spring) in each academic year.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Many colleges/universities offer baccalaureate degrees in this field. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete the lower-division major requirements and the general education pattern for the specific transfer institution. SMC has articulation agreements with the many UC and CSU campuses, as well as several private and out-of-state institutions.

Exact major requirements for UC and CSU campuses can be found online at assist.org.

A listing of private, nonprofit California colleges and universities can be found online at aiccu.edu. For articulation agreements between SMC and some of these institutions see smc.edu/articulation.

PUBLIC POLICY, ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will demonstrate coherent and comprehensive analyses of the public policies affecting the lives of local, regional, and state citizens and will be equipped with the skills and resources necessary for participation in civic life including critical evaluation and analysis of policy options, policy development and effective implementation strategies.

AREA OF EMPHASIS: (19 units)

Required Core Courses: (7 units)

POL SC 1	American and California Politics	3
<i>or</i>		
POL SC 3	Introduction to Politics: Justice, Power and Agency	3
POL SC 31	Introduction to Public Policy	3
POL SC 95	Experiential Learning	1
Critical Thinking and Communication: Students are required to take 1 course from each area: (6 units)		
AREA A: English Language and Critical Thinking (3 units)		
BUS 32	Business Communications	3
ENGL 1	Reading and Composition 1	3
ENGL 2	Critical Analysis and Intermediate Composition	3
ENGL 31	Advanced Composition	3
HIST 47	The Practice of History	3
PHILOS 7	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
AREA B: Oral Communication/Media Literacy: (3 units)		
COM ST 11	Elements of Public Speaking	3
COM ST 37	Intercultural Communication	3
JOURN 1	The News	3
MEDIA 1	Survey of Mass Media Communications	3
MEDIA 2	Reading Media: Acquiring Media Literacy Skills	3
MEDIA 10	Media, Gender, and Race	3
WGS 30	Women, Gender, and Sexuality in Popular Culture (<i>formerly WOM ST 30</i>)	3

SPECIALIZATION AREAS: Students are required to take 2 courses WITHIN one of the following five (5) tracks: (6 units)		
Arts and Cultural Affairs Track:		
AHIS 3	Western Art History III	3
AHIS 11	Art Appreciation: Introduction to Global Visual Culture	3
AHIS 72	American Art History	3
DANCE 2	Dance in American Culture	3
DANCE 5	Dance History	3
DANCE 9	Dance Productions	3
MUSIC 30	Music History I	3
MUSIC 33	Jazz in American Culture	3
MUSIC 36	History of Rock Music	3
MUSIC 37	Music in American Culture	3
TH ART 2	Introduction to the Theatre	3
TH ART 5	History of World Theatre	3
Specialization Area: Educational Track		
ECE 11	Child, Family and Community	3
ECE 19	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
ECE 45	Introduction to Children with Special Needs	3
ECE 64	Health, Safety, and Nutrition for Young Children	3
EDUC 12	Introduction to Elementary Classroom Teaching and Field Experiences	3
LING 1	Introduction to Linguistics	3
PSYCH 11	Child Growth and Development	3
Specialization Area: Environmental Track		
BIOL 9	Environmental Biology	3
ENVRN 7	Introduction to Environmental Studies (<i>same as ENVRN 7</i>)	3
ENVRN 20	Environmental Ethics (<i>same as PHILOS 20</i>)	3
ENVRN 22	Environmental Politics and Policies (<i>same as PL SC 22</i>)	3
ENVRN 40	Environmental Psychology (<i>same as PSYCH 40</i>)	3
GEOG 7	Introduction to Environmental Studies (<i>same as ENVRN 7</i>)	3
GEOG 14	Geography of California	3
PHILOS 20	Environmental Ethics (<i>same as ENVRN 20</i>)	3
POL SC 22	Environmental Politics and Policies (<i>same as ENVRN 22</i>)	3
PSYCH 40	Environmental Psychology (<i>same as ENVRN 40</i>)	3
Specialization Area: Public Health Track		
ECE 64	Health, Safety, and Nutrition for Young Children	3
HEALTH 10	Fundamentals of Healthful Living	3
HEALTH 70	Integrative Health	3
NRSNG 60	Multicultural Health and Healing Practices (<i>same as HEALTH 60</i>)	3
NUTR 1	Introduction to Nutrition Science	3
NUTR 7	Food and Culture in America	3
PSYCH 8	Community Psychology	3
PSYCH 13	Social Psychology	3

Specialization Area: Urban/Socioeconomic Track		
AD JUS 1	Introduction to Administration of Justice	3
ECON 1	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON 2	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 6	Contemporary Economic Problems	3
HIST 10	Ethnicity and American Culture	3
POL SC 21	Race, Ethnicity, and the Politics of Difference	3
POL SC 24	Introduction to Law	3
PSYCH 8	Community Psychology	3
PSYCH 13	Social Psychology	3
SOCIOL 1	Introduction to Sociology	3
<i>or</i>		
SOCIOL 1s	Introduction to Sociology - Service Learning	3

SOCIOL 2	Social Problems	3
<i>or</i>		
SOCIOL 2s	Social Problems - Service Learning	3

SOCIOL 30	African Americans in Contemporary Society	3
SOCIOL 31	Latinas/os in Contemporary Society	3
SOCIOL 32	Asian Americans in Contemporary Society	3
SOCIOL 34	Racial and Ethnic Relations in American Society	3
URBAN 8	Introduction to Urban Studies (<i>same as GEOG 8</i>)	3